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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tetsuya OKANO et al.

Application No.: 10/551,654

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Art Unit: 4173

For: A COMPOSITION FOR PRODUCTION OF A
STERILIZER AND A PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING ORGANIC PERACID

Examiner: A. L. Fisher

RESPONSE TO USPTO COMMUNICATION OF DECEMBER 28, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the communication mailed on December 28, 2007, Applicants note as follows.

On September 29, 2005, the above-identified application was filed. On even date therewith, Applicants submitted a Preliminary Amendment.

On July 10, 2006, Applicants filed a Response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on May 8, 2006. The Response filed July 10, 2006 included a Declaration and Power of Attorney which was attached to an original copy of the specification (also submitted therewith) at the time of signing. Applicants note that this fact was highlighted in the Response filed on July 10, 2006. Since the specification attached to the Declaration filed on July

10, 2006 was an original copy thereof, it did not contain the claim status identifiers listed in the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 29, 2005.

However, for the Examiner's convenience, attached hereto is one (1) copy of the claims enclosed with the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 29, 2005 for examination.

CONCLUSION

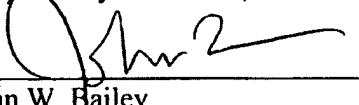
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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